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SUBJ: Polish Suspicions of US-Chinese Rapprochement

1. In article August 16 Trybuna ^{Ludu} entitled "US Flirts with China: Why Rogers Declares Friendship for China," TL Washington correspondent Beresowski gives clearest expression to date Polish fears US-Chinese rapprochement.
2. Article uses Secretary's statements during Asian trip and at summer White House to construct case for US footsies with China. According Beresowski, it appears from these statements that "Washington is preparing ground for serious correction relations with Peking." Notes opinion American commentators that boss direction China premature because China still unwilling take up dialogue for domestic reasons. "Whether Nixon administration has already gone beyond preparatory maneuvers will be apparent shortly," he states.

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"Nonetheless," article notes, "the gestures toward Peking, the continual coquetting with China by Rogers at every stop of his trip, and the lavish use of the word 'friendship' are unprecedented."

3. Re China talks, Berezowski notes Chinese called off February meeting and quotes Secretary's statement that US will soon check whether possible reopen dialogue with Peking "in Warsaw or other mutually acceptable location."

4. Re Sov-Chicom conflict, Berezowski writes "there is no doubt that Washington has decided take advantage Soviet-Chinese conflict in more decided manner than hitherto. Rogers declared that Lin Piao called US 'China's main enemy No. 2', having in mind that USSR in first place. Chief US diplomacy also declared US will not take USSR reaction to plans for making contact with China into account."

5. Conclusion less accusatory than title and body article. "Washington observers have impression that 'new Pacific doctrine' recently proclaimed by President Nixon and the promised reduction US armed forces in Asia in significant measure intended to quiet China and divert its attention ^{from} ~~for~~ direction

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South Asia, where US interests dominate, toward north. This
supported by complaisant formula proclaiming US non-engagement
in Chinese-Soviet conflict and holding constructive dialogue
with both countries. . .

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